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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: HAWAR ISLAND DISPUTE: AMIR TO RAISE WITH KING KHALED

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1. AMIR TOLD ME JAN 24 THAT HE WILL MAKE ONE DAY VISIT TO
RIYADH AS SOON AS SAUDI KING RETURNS FROM HUNLRM. PURPOSE
OF VISIT IS TO RAISE WITH KING KHALED MORIBUND STATE OF
SAUDI MEDIATION OF BAHRAIN-QATAR DISPUTE OVER HAWAR ISLAND.
AMIR SAID SAUDIS HAVE DONE NOTHING ABOUT PROBLEM AND IT
IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY SERIOUS FOR BOTH BAHRAIN AND QATAR.
HE SAID SAUDIS TRY TO DO SO MUCH THESE DAYS THAT MANY THINGS
GET DONE BADLY OR, AS IN THIS CASE, NOT AT ALL.

2. ON SUBSTANCE OF DISPUTE AMIR SAID BAHRAIN WOULD ACCEPT

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ANY OUTCOME WHICH WOULD GIVE BAHRAIN GOODLY SHARE OF ANY OIL
OR GAS WHICH MIGHT BE FOUND IN ISLAND AREA. HE SAID THAT
WITH DISPUTE UNRESOLVED NEITHER BAHRAIN NOR QATAR CAN DO
PROPER JOB OF EXPLORATION. HE CONTINUED THAT BAHRAIN IS IN
GREATEST NEED OF ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AND SOLUTION OF HAWAR
ISLAND PROBLEM SHOULD REFLECT THIS FACT.

2. AMIR BLAMED BRITAIN FOR DISPUTE ITSELF AND ADDED THAT
CURRENT BORDER DISPUTE BETWEEN OMAN AND RAS AL-KHAYMAH IS
ALSO BRITISH PRODUCT. AMIR SAID THAT DURING RECENT VISIT
HERE OF SHAH OF IRAN'S BROTHER HE HAD ASKED HIM IF IRAN
HAD AN OPINION ABOUT OMAN-RAK DISPUTE. ACCORDING TO AMIR,
SHA'S BROTHER SAID IRAN BELIEVED THAT TERRITORY NOW BEING
DISPUTED IS CERTAINLY THANI.
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